

## ***SHEEP AND LAMBS***

The number of sheep and lambs marketed during 2002 decreased 15 percent to 49,000 head. The total pounds of sheep and lambs marketed was 19 percent below the 2001 level. Cash receipts totaled \$2.4 million, down 15 percent from \$2.9 million in 2001. Gross income (cash receipts plus value of home consumption) totaled \$2.7 million in 2002 compared with \$3.1 million a year earlier. Sheep averaged \$28.00 per cwt. and lambs averaged \$68.60 per cwt. during 2002.

Lambs saved in 2002, at 47,000 head, was down 15 percent from the previous year. The number of ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2003 was down 13 percent from 2002. Lamb crop per 100 ewes one year old and older was 121 during 2002, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Wool production decreased 3 percent during 2002 to 280,000 pounds. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 42,000 head with an average fleece weight of 6.7 pounds. Total value of shorn wool was \$45,000, up 2 percent from a year earlier and averaging 16 cents per pound.

### **NUMBER OF SHEEP ON FARMS, BY CLASS, INDIANA, JANUARY 1, 1998-2003**

Class of Livestock	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Thousand Head</b>						
All Sheep and Lambs	55.0	57.0	59.0	66.0	57.0	<b>50.0</b>
Market Sheep & Lambs	11.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	9.0	<b>5.0</b>
Market Sheep	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.1	<b>0.3</b>
Market Lambs	10.0	10.0	8.5	6.5	8.9	<b>4.7</b>
Under 65 Pounds	3.0	3.0	2.5	3.0	3.2	<b>1.1</b>
65 - 84 Pounds	2.0	2.0	2.5	1.7	1.8	<b>0.9</b>
85 - 105 Pounds	3.0	2.0	2.5	1.0	2.0	<b>1.8</b>
Over 105 Pounds	2.0	2.0	1.0	0.8	1.9	<b>0.9</b>
Breeding Sheep	44.0	47.0	50.0	59.0	48.0	<b>45.0</b>
Replacement Lambs	9.0	9.0	9.0	11.0	6.5	<b>8.5</b>
One Year Old and Older	35.0	38.0	41.0	48.0	41.5	<b>36.5</b>
Ewes	32.0	35.0	38.0	45.0	39.0	<b>34.0</b>
Wethers and Rams	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	<b>2.5</b>
Lamb Crop	50.0	53.0	63.0	55.0	47.0	---
Lamb Crop Per 100 Ewes One Year Old and Older	156.0	151.0	166.0	122.0	121.0	---

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary

### **NUMBER AND VALUE OF SHEEP ON FARMS INDIANA, DECEMBER 1, 1998-2003**

January 1	All Sheep and Lambs <sup>1/</sup>	Average Value Per Head	Total Value
<b>Thousand Head</b>		<b>Dollars</b>	<b>Thousand Dollars</b>
1998	55	140.00	7,700
1999	57	140.00	7,980
2000	59	150.00	8,850
2001	66	160.00	10,560
2002	57	142.00	8,094
<b>2003 <sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>50</b>	<b>166.00</b>	<b>8,300</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes number on feed.

<sup>2/</sup> Preliminary.